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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.312

Dear Sir:

Applicants submit the following Amendment and Remarks in order to clarify the numbering of the claims. Applicants request entry of this Amendment, as this Amendment is directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, and 10 and add new claims 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, and 23 as follows:

18. (New) A method for treating septic shock in a subject, wherein the septic shock is endotoxic shock induced by gram positive bacteria, comprising administering to the subject an effective amount of an agent which binds G protein, to thereby inhibit the interaction of said G protein and CD14, such that septic shock in the subject is treated.

19. (New) The method of claim 18, wherein the agent binds G α subunit.

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